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Subject: RE: Offshore Fracking Comments as submitted/Ocean Foundation

Thanks, Mark.

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From: Richard Charter [mailto:waterway@monitor.net]
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Subject: Offshore Fracking Comments as submitted/Ocean Foundation
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As you may know, the current comment period on a cursory BOEM Environmental Assessment for offshore fracking practices closes on March 23. The decisions flowing from this EA will

have implications throughout the OCS, either directly in Southern California now or ultimately as a model for handling this topic in the Gulf and elsewhere.

As mentioned in recent emails and on today's OCS teleconference, the Center for Biological Diversity has circulated a group letter responding to this same comment period for your consideration as a signer.

Wanting to go further due to the implications for California, I have attached herein my own technical comments submitted today on behalf of The Ocean Foundation. Instructions from BOEM for submitting your own comments are below if you wish to follow this path.

If you would like a copy of my comments from which to derive your own, mine are attached here as a pdf file, but if you instead need them as a Word file that you can cut and paste from for your own comments, just drop me an email with "Word" in the Subject line and I will send you a Word file of these same comments.

The relevant Federal Register Notice calling for these comments is at:

<http://pocswellstim.evs.anl.gov/documents/federal-register-2016-02-22.pdf>

The EA is at:

<http://pocswellstim.evs.anl.gov/documents/bsee-boem-complete.pdf>

Thanks,

Richard Charter

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from BOEM:

After an 11 month process that began in March of 2015, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) have prepared a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) to evaluate potential environmental effects of well stimulation treatments (WSTs) on the Pacific Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

These activities include: Fracturing WSTs (Diagnostic fracture injection test; Frac pac; and Acid fracturing) and nonfracturing WSTs (Matrix acidizing; and Polymer/surfactant injection).

DATES: Comments on this Draft PEA will be accepted until March 23, 2016.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information on the Draft PEA, you may contact Mr. Rick Yarde, Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment Pacific Region, BOEM, (805) 384-6379 or Mr. David Fish, Acting Chief Environmental Compliance Division, BSEE, (202) 208-3599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This NOA is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1503) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* (1988)). To obtain a copy of the Draft PEA:

1. You may download or view the Draft PEA on the following Web site:

<http://pocswellstim.evs.anl.gov>.

Comments: Government agencies and other interested parties are requested to send their written comments on the Draft PEA in one of the following ways:

1. Preferred: Submit your comment on the project's public review Web site at:
<http://pocswellstim.evs.anl.gov>;

2. In an envelope labeled "Comments on the Draft PEA for Well Stimulation Treatments

on the Pacific OCS" and mailed (or hand carried) to Mr. Rick Yarde, Regional Supervisor, Office of Environment Pacific Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 760 Paseo Camarillo, Suite 102 (CM102), Camarillo, CA 93010; or Mr. David Fish, Acting Chief Environmental Compliance Division, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 1849 C Street NW., Room 5429, Washington, DC 20240; and 3. By email to: pocswellstim@anl.gov.

Comments must be submitted by March 23, 2016.